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## SCOTLAND NECK MOTOR COMPANY UNDER NEW MANAGMENTS

The Scotland Neck Motor Company is now under the management of Mr. W. Hawley, of Rocky Mount, who is an experienced Ford man, and who will continue the Ford business aggressively in this territory.

The Scotland Neck Motor Company has the best equipped building for automobile purposes of any in this section, and would be a credit to a city many times the size of Scotland Neck. On the ground floor is a beautiful display and accessories room, while the repair work is done on the second floor, cars being raised by means of a large elevator.

The building and equipment is a credit to the owners of the business and they deserve a great success.

## CEMENT PRODUCTION IN 1921

Washington, July 26.—The total production of Portland cement in the United States, according to a recent report of the Geological Survey, for the six months period ending June 30, 1921 represents about 94 per cent of the quantity made in the corresponding period of 1920 and over 42 per cent of those for the whole year 1920. The stocks, which amounted to more than 1,000,000 barrels, are slightly above normal, with approximately 9,000,000 barrels on June 30, 1920, and 8,941,046 barrels on December 31, 1920.

The year 1921 began with mills producing at a moderate rate and shipments considerably less than production, but month by month both production and shipments of finished cement increased at a rapid rate, shipments exceeding production in May and June. Production in June was slightly greater than in June 1920, and also a little above the average for that month during the past five years. The shipments in June of more than 10,500,000 barrels were larger than those of any preceding June.

Clinker (un ground cement) produced during the first six months amounted to more than 43,500,000 barrels, more than 9,000,000 barrels of which were produced in June. This is also a new high record. Stocks of clinker are reported to be more than 4,600,000 barrels, a quantity slightly above normal.

These figures indicate that the cement industry has enjoyed relatively greater activity than many of the other large mineral industries during the first half of 1921, and that stocks of finished cement and clinker while not excessive, are ample to supply any reasonable demands.

## Wood Gas Now In Use

(By Associated Press)  
London, July 26.—Gas made from old oak logs is now being supplied successfully to the inhabitants of Steyning in Sussex. Other towns are rapidly following suit. It is claimed that this wood gas has practically the same heating and lighting properties as coal gas and its use means a saving of more than half a dollar per 1,000 cubic feet to the consumer.

The Steyning gas works being threatened with closure owing to the prohibitive price of coal, about 5 a ton, the carbonization of wood was resorted to as an experiment, with the result that wood gas has been definitely adopted as an illuminant until the price of coal comes down.

## SUPREME ALLIED COUNCIL MEETS IN PARIS

(By Associated Press)  
London, July 26.—The Allied Supreme Council meets in Paris August fourth to consider the Silesian question. It is understood that United States Ambassador Harvey will attend unofficially.

## News "Out of The Everwhere Into The Here"

(By U. S. Press)  
Washington, July 26.—Ample proof of the antiquity and error of the idea that "down on the farm" things are behind the times, appears in the work of the National Radio Service Commission, in the project of radio phone service for rural districts.

Market reports and various other government information has since April been disseminated over the country daily by wireless telegraph, but since the farmer is not likely to construct his own market report from a series of rapid dots and dashes, phone installations are under consideration for delivery of the spoken information.

The plan of the Commission, which was appointed by the Post Office Department acting with the Department of Agriculture, is to make use of the air mail radio stations located about the country about 100 miles apart.

Receiving apparatus for the radio phone may be bought for \$35.00 and a small single wire antennae stretched from the house to a nearby building works efficiently. Clustering together of individuals for the use of a central receiving station in a community is suggested.

## Italy Fights High Cost of Living

(By Associated Press)  
Rome, July 26.—The Fascisti, or extreme Nationalists, have now taken a hand in reducing the high cost of living, bringing into their solution of it the militant methods which characterized the recent election campaign.

Their appeals to the storekeepers throughout Italy have not met with flat refusal for the storekeepers have advertised reductions ranging from ten to 25 percent. The reductions are especially noticeable in the dry goods stores. The effect has been to fill these stores with shoppers. Shoe stores, clothing stores, cafes, restaurants, hardware stores have increased their sales immensely in consequence.

The vendors of the prime necessities however are having their difficulties. They ask the peasants to reduce the prices to them but the peasants refuse. As a result, the peasants have gone on a strike and refuse to bring the produce into the cities and suffer the reductions imposed by the Fascisti's demands.

A fruit vendor was found selling his wares without any reduction the other day. He was accosted by several Fascisti who demanded that the price be reduced. He remonstrated that he was doing the selling not they. The remark led to a quarrel. The Fascisti clubbed the vendor severely. He was taken to the hospital where he died shortly after his arrival.

In other cities, Fascisti are patrolling the markets. They are armed with policemen's clubs and inquire the pri-

## County Treasurer Harvey Buried Yesterday

The death of County Treasurer William R. Harvey occurred Sunday afternoon at his home in Littleton from a sudden heart attack, the funeral taking place yesterday afternoon in Littleton.

Mr. Harvey had served the county for many years as a commissioner and at the time of the death of county Treasurer J. E. Bowers he was appointed county treasurer, being himself at the time Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. At the last election he stood for re-election as Treasurer and was elected, serving until the time of his death.

## Spanish Disaster Now In Morocco

(By Associated Press)  
Melilla, Morocco, July 26.—Personal narratives of participants in the disaster of Mount Abarran and Tensaman indicate that the lack of precaution of the officers in charge of the operation was responsible for much of the damage done to Spanish prestige.

On June 2, according to eye-witnesses, Mount Abarran was occupied by Spanish troops without the slightest resistance. It is a position covered with the thickest kind of vegetation, among which large numbers of men could find cover. No attempt was made to reconnoiter the ground after the camping place had been chosen but detachments of men were told off to lay barbed wire around the camp while all the officers sat down to a meal.

A short time afterward the surrounding bush appeared absolutely thick with Moors, who opened fire on the group of officers then penetrated the encampment where they were joined by the mutinous 156th company of native police.

Numerous acts of bravery were done by both Spanish and faithful native troops, but the surprise was so sudden that it was impossible for the garrison to save the guns, which were carried off by the Moors. Then both Spanish and native troops fled precipitately, abandoning rifles, bayonets and baggage.

The casualties comprising killed, wounded and prisoners numbered over 300 and, if the landing detachment of a warship and forces from Crinola and Melilla had not intervened of a warship and forces from Crinola and Melilla had not intervened to support the fleeing garrison, it is possible the Spanish would have lost both Sidi-Dris and Tensaman.

The Moors apparently were acting under guidance of foreign instructors, for their tactics were quite modern. Information has come in that their ranks are strengthened by deserters from both the Spanish and French armies.

## Electricity Five Times Nation's Man Power

(By U. S. Press)  
Washington, July 26.—"If every man in this country over 19 years of age worked 8 hours a day for the entire past year," states the National City Company in a pamphlet on "Electricity," produced in central stations. Since 1890 we have seen the giant energy—electricity—become of greater service to human activities than any other manufactured product."

If the prices have not been reduced they force the vendor to sell for less.

## PRESIDENT HARDING IN SPECIAL MESSAGE ON RAILROAD FINANCING

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, July 26.—President Harding in special message to Congress asked it to extend the authority of the War Finance corporation to purchase securities probably up to Five Hundred Million dollars now in the hands of the railroad administration so that the proceeds may be used for settlements with railroads. He said that this would open the way to an early adjustment and relief of the railroad problem. He said that there was no thought of asking congress for additional money; that it was merely a request for the granting of authority necessary to enable the most useful and efficient government agency to use its available funds to purchase securities for which congress had already authorized the issue.

## BANK SHORTAGE NEARLY MILLION

Chicago, Ill., July 26.—Search for Warren C. Spurgin, missing President of the Michigan Avenue Trust Company, centered on the story that Spurgin was headed for Mexico instead of Canada, as first thought. The bank's shortage is estimated at seven hundred thousand and bank may be able to pay only sixty cents on the dollar. Miss Elizabeth Thompson admitted that she and other girls attended dinner parties with Spurgin. The bank's wife and daughter have not been located.

## President Off For Vacation

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, July 26.—President and Mrs. Harding are planning a vacation in the White Mountains after the Pilgrim's Tercentenary celebration at Plymouth, Mass., Monday. They will leave Washington Friday on the Yacht Mayflower.

Some people persist in buying wild cat stock as if their bank rolls had nine lives.

## JUNE PRICES LOWER THAN PREVIOUS MONTHS

Washington, July 26.—In a report on wholesale prices issued by the Department of Labor a comparison of wholesale prices quoted on 327 commodities for the month of June as compared with the month of May shows a decrease in 136 commodities and increases in 79 while 112 items remained stationary.

Farm products after the May increase showed a drop of nearly 3.5 per cent, fuel over 3.5 per cent, and groups of metal products and house furnishings showed a decrease of approximately 4.5 per cent. While no change in the general level occurred in building materials and chemicals, all commodities taken in the aggregate showed a decline of 2 per cent.

Prices for June 1921 as compared with those of May 1920, the peak of the high prices, shows a decrease of 45 per cent in the aggregate of commodities listed, says the report. Food prices during the year from June 15th 1921 to June 15th 1920 receded 34 per cent. For the thirty days from May 15 to June 15, food prices have seen-sawed variously in different sections of the country, both increasing and decreasing from 0.5 to 3.0 per cent.

## REINFORCEMENTS SENT TO MOROCCO

(By Associated Press)  
Madrid, July 26.—Spanish reinforcements have been sent to Sidi-Dris where a fierce battle between the Spanish troops and the Moorish tribesmen is said to be progressing favorably for the Spaniards, who are aided by several warships.

## TELEGRAPHIC BRIEFS FROM WASHINGTON

(By Associated Press)  
Washington, July 26.—In an agreement of the House Ways and Means Committee that in the revision of the Revenue Laws, no provision will be made for a sales tax, was announced by Chairman Fordney.

Washington, July 26.—The Southern Tariff Association has requested the Senate Finance Committee to reinstate the import tax on hides.

## WEATHER REPORT

For North Carolina: Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday. Gentle to moderate East and Northeast winds.

## LINCOLN HIGHWAY AS THE "OBJECT LESSON ROAD"

(By U. S. Press)  
Washington, July 26.—Characterizing the Lincoln Highway as the "object lesson road," J. Newton Gunn, president of the Lincoln Highway Association, says that an appreciation of the soundness of the project is apparent throughout the country. Twenty-seven highway organizations, similar to the Lincoln Highway Association are following in its steps in the matter of promoting interstate roads. Government, supervision, construction and maintenance, says Mr. Gunn, are on the way, for the Association feels that the public sentiment will soon force a business-like acceptance of the federal government's obligation.

Declaring that the United States in this era of road-building is facing the possibility of the greatest public investment ever made by any people at any time, Mr. Gunn stated that more than one billion dollars is available at the present time for highway improvement purposes.

Expenditures made upon the Lincoln Highway to date represent in national improvement approximately \$10,000 per mile upon the entire road from New York to the Golden Gate. This figure, however, represents the average, since sections of the road, especially in the East cost many times as much per mile in some sections as in others.

## Soviet Russia Fulfills Agreement

Riga, Latvia, July 26.—After nearly two years, Soviet Russia has practically fulfilled the most difficult part of its peace treaty with Latvia, the delivery to Latvia of railway rolling stock taken from the Baltic province during the various evacuations and military campaigns in the German war and the minor wars succeeding it.

Up to June 15, 90 locomotives and 1,300 cars have been received from Russia by virtue of the peace treaty. Twenty locomotives and 400 cars are yet to be received. Much of this rolling stock is described as "sick" necessitating heavy repairs.

## THREE FOURTHS TURKISH FIGHTING STRENGTH KILLED

(By Associated Press)  
Athens, Greece, July 26.—The Greek official agency claims that seventy five per cent of the entire Turkish fighting strength in Asia Minor was killed, wounded, missing or captured.

## EXECUTIVE SHOULD BE PERMITTED TO MAKE OWN APPEARANCE

Springfield, Ill., July 26.—Judge Smith's opinion on the question of arrest of the Governor for embezzlement held warrants should be served on the governor but the executive should be permitted to make his appearance at his own convenience within a reasonable time. He held that the governor had no authority to call state troops to shield him and was subject to arrest and prosecution for his acts as state treasurer.

## GOVERNMENT NITROGEN LABORATORY ON PEACE BASIS

(By U. S. Press)  
Washington, July 26.—Making available for the arts of peace research work in the fixing of nitrogen from the air, the Fixed Nitrogen Research Laboratory in Washington, established by the War Department in 1919, has been transferred to the Department of Agriculture by an order of the President.

In the transfer the War Department included a provision that the work of the laboratory shall be available for its use at such times as national defense should make it imperative. The personnel of the laboratory, headed by Dr. R. C. Tolman, director, and including 50 world foremost experts in the fixation of nitrogen, are transferred from the War Department of Agriculture, with the assurance that these workers will be kept together instead of drifting into private occupation. The sum of \$500,000 made available from funds in the control of the President is transferred for the maintenance of the work for the next two years.

The production of nitrogen, an essential constituent of explosive fertilizers, dyestuffs, and other substances used in the arts has long been regarded a national asset of prime importance the world over. Thus in countries not having nitrate beds among their natural resources the fixation of nitrogen from the air has been the subject of extensive research and strict secrecy.

In peace times the use of nitrogen in fertilizers is limited only by the supply, and, if available, larger quantities would be used for increasing the food and other crops necessary for the country's welfare. An authority estimates that the total loss of nitrogen from the arable land under cultivation in the United States, says a Department of Agriculture circular, is equivalent to 15 to 20 million tons of ammonium sulphate a year, representing a material worth in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000,000.

## COTTON MARKET

October	12.00
December	12.38
January	12.37
March	12.70
May	13.05